A CANAL IN THE SAND.

Such May be the Character of Much of the Big Water-Way.

WHERE THEY HAD TO DREDGE.

Some Notable Peatures in and Around Sharon and Sharpsville,

A PAMILY MAKING CHAINS AT HOME

tract to the northward in the Shenango Pittsburg. Valley, however, furnishes some problems for the engineers,

for the engineers.

On the eld canal there were some particularly bad places. Frequently a dozen boats would gather at the same point, because one or two got stuck in the sand. If there were not enough horses to pull the first boat out of the water, and slide it along on the anny point, because one or two got stuck in the sand. If there were not enough horses to pull the first boat out of the water, and slide it along on the anny become and distinct investigation of the manufacturing establishments of the Beaver manufacturing establishments of the Beaver and Shenango Valleys that anyone who has been reading these letters has already gained a fair knowledge of what they are without more would a canal of 12 feet in depth accumanufacturing establishments of the Beaver

and its tonnage is low.

place. I suppose they put in the "West" to make it look like a bigger place. If there is any other Middlesex east, north or south I know nothing of such a place. It is one of the eccentricities of humanity to seek an

THEIR RIVAL INDUSTRIES.

New Castle, I mention Sharpsville and New Castle together because they are rivals in trade and in tonnage. There is a word that does not mean much, and is often misused, branch of trade from which antistactory but it is the one that strikes me as being par tionlarly appropriate to use here; it is "funny" how these Valley towns think "I am" is greater than "he is." We outsiders can "amile and smile and be villains still," and yet somehow or other stumble upon

queer facts.

Middlesex has the Erie, the Nypano, the
Lake Shore and a branch of the Sharpsville Bailroad, which gives the town connection with the Baltimore and Ohio. The Pittsburg and Western also has a branch connection with Middlesex.

The next town going up the Shenango is Wheatland. I don't like to say it, but Wheatland seems to have gone into a period of pralaya. Anyone who is at all acquainted with the occult sciences, and especially is a reader of Sinnett, will understand that pralays is not death. I cannot imagine why Wheatland should have lost its interest in life and commerce; but the facts are

WHAT IT ONCE WAS.

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In this village was located the old furnace of Wood & Co., which made a great deal of iron during the time that it was running with prosperity, but it is now idle, its stocks have fallen, its "boshes" are broken, if anybody knows what "boshes" means, and it is in such a condition of decay generally that I am inclined to think that it would be cheaper to build a new furnace rather than attempt to repair the old one, and an active rolling mill operated by Wood & Co. It is still running, and has recently been refitted for rolling plates for pipe. Such interests as I have mentioned come very near covering what Wheatland does

Next we reach Sharon, three and three-tenths miles from Sharpsville. It is a big town, occupactly built, active and indus-There are no play things allowed there. No person is permitted to game at the skies and follow a Rip Van Winkle ex-istence on the route of this ship canal, if a ship can'd is ever built.

WHAT SHARON IS DOING.

Here are some of Sharon's industries, and look at what they are and you can gain some idea of their tonnage:

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First is the Buhl Furnace and Rail Works. What did I say about the Eton Iron Works and the Bessemer Nail Rod Works of New Casle? My recollection is that they did a business of 165,000 tons a year incoming and outgoing. The Buhl Works certainly do a business of not less than 180,000 tons per year both ways. So much of their raw material comes by the lake route and the railroads from the lakes that the Buhl Furnace and Bail Works would naturally favor any legitimate method by which they could get freight, not exactly at lower rates, but when they need to ship, or receive shipments. Possibly this ides may penetrate the minds of some of the mortals who take courage enough to read these who take courage enough to read these etters; however, further along will come something else pertaining to that.

on has the works of Kimberly & Soe, a live firm, an active management, an honest method of conducting business, but an establishment that has been unfortunate,

ONLY VICTIMS OF MISPORTUNE.

I hardly think this is the time or place to say why such bonest people, such carnest workers as Kimberly & Sons got into the workers as Kimberly & Sons got into the difficulties which yet environ them. A whole lot of us people wonder why we were born and puzzle ourselves, it we allow conselves to think about it, why we continue to live. There are accidents of business, mistakes that we regret and only find are mistakes when the time comes that we know an error has been committed. Kimberly & Sons I would like to mitted. Kimberly & Sons, I would like to testify, while honest and industrious, are the victims of misfortune. It there is any justice upon this globe, and I think men just when they consider that other men just, this firm will pull itself out of a

wery deep mudhole.

The Stewart Iron Company, with two furnaces, the foundry, boiler and machine works, the Sharon Steel Casting Company, the wagou material shops, spokes, felloes, etc., small steel nail shop and a small planing mill constitute the chief industries of Sharou. But it would not be proper to force a little management that brims to mind get a little manufactory that brings to mind some stories which we have read.

CHAINS MADE IN A DWELLING HOUSE I have little knowledge of the methods of I have little knowledge of the methods of manufacture of chains. Wilkie Collins did more than even did Charles Read to tell us something of those wonderful industries of which we know so little, and of which we could have no practical knowledge. So much is done by machinery in this latter part of the nineteenth century, and in progressive America especially, that it sounds queer to say that one family makes chains, in part of a dwelling house. That is what this chain factory is.

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What a small chain factory! I hardly thought America was indulging in that sort of business. Natural gas, steam, coal, cohe, all of these things which lead up to worldgs and inventive power, it seemed a would be enough to prevent hand to would be enough to prevent hand to would be enough to prevent hand for ear notheos of manufacture. It does appear, however, and I judge that it is perfectly proper, that there are some things that trannet be manufactured by machinery; some things that have to be done by hand ref.

Now let me say something else. Along in the community of which I have been speak-ing ran the old Eric extension canal. This

HOW THEY DREDGED IT.

The methods of dredging were not near so good than as they are now. The way they had to keep open the channel of the canal was by running down a little soow boat, that accoped out a few hundred tons of sand. Then they did not know what to do with that and when they got it. These boats would travel back and forth and try to find a place to dump. In other words they were robbing Paul a good deal more than they could pay Peter, because all this territory is sandy on its surface.

Here comes the difficulty now. I really ought not to tell so much until I am ready to tell it, but it is well it should be said here. With an average depth of 12 feet in

The valley of the Shenango pans out several interesting suggestions touching the proposed ship canal. Middlesex, Wheatland, Sharon and Sharpsville each contributes its budget in this line. The sandy tract to the northward in the Shenango

THEY STUCK IN THE SAND.

more would a causal of 12 feet in depth accumulate? The character of the surrounding mulate? The character of the surrounding strength of the Shenango. Middleser comes first after New Castle; the borough of Pulaski, with a population probably not exceeding 1,100, comes mext. There is little in Pulaski beside a paint mill. It does not do much business,

West Middlesex is the name they call this NO FEARS OF A REACTION. So Say Henry Clews & Co., Regarding the

Finnelal and Industrial Outlook-Great Development in the Latter Line is New

NEW YORK, December 29 .- Henry Clews Well, as to Middlesex: There are two blast furnaces, which do a business of something the same tourage as is done in the larger blast furnaces of Sharpsville and with an unusually sound and satisfactory condition of business, and this fact suggests condition of business, and this fact suggests

reports do not come. It is true that the West has some complaints about the low prices of agricultural products; but it is not to be overlooked that the harvest has been an abundant one and that the extra yield will compensate for the lowness of prices; while the country at large will be benefited and its consumption of other articles in-creased by the cheapness of Western food products.

"There is every symptom that we are in

There is every symptom that we are in the midst of a period of great industrial development; and, so far, there is no evidence that production is going seriously ahead of our consumptive capacity. The general steadiness of prices shows that along with the increasing production we have a corresponding increase of consumption, which prevents unhealthy surpluses of products and maintains a wholesome relation between supply and demand. Ordinarily, such a state or things as now exists would have led to an undue expansion of business and to excessive speculative ventures; but at present the spirit of business is self-possessed and conservative. "It is also a fact worth noting that the unequaled expansion of railroad building in 1886, 1887 and 1888 has not been followed by any of that financial collapse which has attended all like movements in former years. The only noticeable reaction has been a contraction for a few months in the demand for steel rails and fron; but even that is disappearing and the iron trade seems to be verging on a revival of extraordinary activity, due to an increased demand from every branch of consumption.

A SCARE SUBE ENOUGH.

When the steer got tired and warm he went down to the river, shook the Beëlloc Ialand dust from his tail, and set off to swim to Ellis Island, where the powder and dynamite is stored. Then there was a genuine scare. Private Roach and Corporal Will Clark jumped into a boat and rowed after him. He awam so fast that they had all they could do to shead him off in time to stop him from landing. Then he played tag with them, and succeeded in landing on Bedloc's Island, a little wetter, but still full of fight.

It was late in the afternoon before Christian Scripture, the soldier cowboy, succeeded in landing of the regular steamer said that steaming was hard enough now and that he went down to the river, shook the Bedloc Ialand dust from his tail, and set off to swim to Elis Island, where the powder and dynamite is stored. Then there was a genuine scare. Private Roach and Cor the midst of a period of great industrial de-velopment; and, so far, there is no evidence

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"We enter upon 1890, therefore, with a generally well-balanced condition of affairs, with our productive resources in full activity, with prices low enough to admit activity, with prices low enough to admit of a large consumption and yet of fair profits to producers, with generally harmonious relations between employers and employed, with a sound condition of commercial credit, with a conservative spirit among men of business, and yet with an ample reserve of capital available for investment in sound enterprises. Under such a condition of things, there can be little question about the prospects of railroads. They are likely to go beyond the large increases of both gross and net earnings of the past year, and having paid dearly for their experience in reckless 'cutting,' their management may be expected to be pacific and conservative."

DELIBERATE ATTEMPT AT MURDER. Four Shots Fired at a Man Who Was Sleeping if Bed.

PERCIAL TRIEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR GRAFTON, W. VA., December 29.— Charles Mason is under arrest, charged with a cold-blooded attempt to assassinate Joseph Griffith at his home, a few miles from this place. Friday evening while Griffith was absent from home some one, supposed to be Mason, entered the room, moved the bed opposite the windows and aeranged the fur-niture so as to give an unobstructed view of the bed when Griffith came home.

The assassin rested a revolver on the window edge and fired four shots at him as he was lying in bed. Three balls took effect, one in the side, one in the thigh and the third in the ankle. The wounds are dan-

WILL MAKE A FIGHT FOR IT.

St. Louis Selects a Delegation to Work for the World's Fair.

ST. LOUIS, December 29.—The World's Fair Executive Committee has elected Governor Francis, Mayor Noonan, ex-Governor Stannard, Colonel Charles H. Jones and Mr. E. S. Bowse members of the committee to E. S. Bowse members of the committee to represent St. Louis before the Congressional World's Fair Committee. They will leave for Washington Saturday, January 4, and will be accompanied by a delegation of the 20 thoroughly representative citizens of St. Louis and the State, who will add their forces to those of the above committee in urging the claims of this city as a site for the World's Fair.

And Still They Come. (SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPAYOR.1

WHEELING, December 29. - Another wreck is reported on the Chesapeake and Ohio road at Fort Gay, Wayne county.

Thirteen freight cars out of a train of i7 cars were broken up. Fireman Leighton was killed and Engineer Murray seriously



is sand territory. It was disagreeably ugly AN EXCITING TIME,

Bedloe's Island Presided Over for the Day by a Bold Texas Steer.

MONARCH OF ALL HE SURVEYED.

None of the Brave Soldiers Who Guard the Statue of Liberty

THINKING TO SHOOT THE INTRUDER.

C. Scripture, a Cow boy, Finally Lausees Him and He is Shipped Away.

A Texas steer got onto Bedloe's Island in some way, Saturday, and cavorted around in a lively and unrestrained manner for a long time. He was finally lassoed, and yesterday put aboard a steamer bound for

PERCIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR.) New York, December 29.—Lieutenant Lewis and his company of the Eleventh In-fantry, stationed at Bedloe's Island, had an exciting time yesterday, and a battie with an enemy who nearly drove them off the island. The enemy was a 4-year-old red Texas steer, with a nobby pair of horns that were worth more than all the muskets in the company when he used them at short

It has not been determined yet just where this red steer came from. Some say he fell overboard from the steamship Queen, while a lot of his kind were being loaded in the stream, and others that he walked off a cattle lighter. Be that as it may, Mr. Steer was a good swimmer, and when he landed on the east side of the island, yesterday morning, he just shook himself dry, nibbled a bit of grass for breakfast, and then started off at a brisk trot to explore Jersey's annex. One of the sentries on the pier saw him coming and gave the alarm.

Lieutenant Lewis mustered Company B and ordered them to capture the foe. Easier said than done. Before the boys could decide on a pian of action the gentleman from Texas, who had been regarding them with interest from an elevated position, made up his mind to attack. Lowering his head he executed a double quick flank movement and then charged the company. They all executed a lightning rear movement except Private Jack Fellows, who said he was not afraid of any steer except a bunco steer. When the visitor from Texas lifted Private Fellows over his back and landed him on a gun carriage Private Fellows changed his opinion very rapidly.

The fun had only just begun. The steer galloped, bellowing after the demoralized company, and drove them across the island. After awhile Superintendent Littlefield, of the electric light plant, tried to corner the animal. He got tossed for his pains, and went limping back to his den.

A SCARE SUBE ENOUGH. EASIER SAID THAN DONE.

A SCARE SUBE ENOUGH. When the steer got tired and warm he

steering was hard enough now, and that he did not want a quartermaster with horns. Not until a cattle boat landed a load of Not until a cattle boat landed a load of steers on the pier, this morning, could this one be persuaded to leave the island. He forgot himself while introductions were taking place, and he walked aboard the boat with the rest, and was taken back to his upper deck stateroom on the steamer bound for Europe.

A RIB-FRACTURING SNEEZE.

The Remarkable Experience of John S. Balley, a Middletown Plamber,

HARTFORD, December 29 .- John S. Bailey, a veteran plumber, of Middletown, a few days ago returned with his wife from a trip to Vineland, N. J., where they had been visiting friends. On their way to take the cars Mr. Bailey made a slight misstep, and fell down. He complained of hurting his side considerably, but thought little of it and returned to Middletown.

A day or two afterward he saught cold, and in the course of it felt an irresistible desire to sneeze, which he did heartily. The sneeze gave him such intense pain that his screams could have been heard a half

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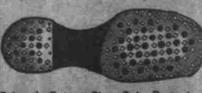
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